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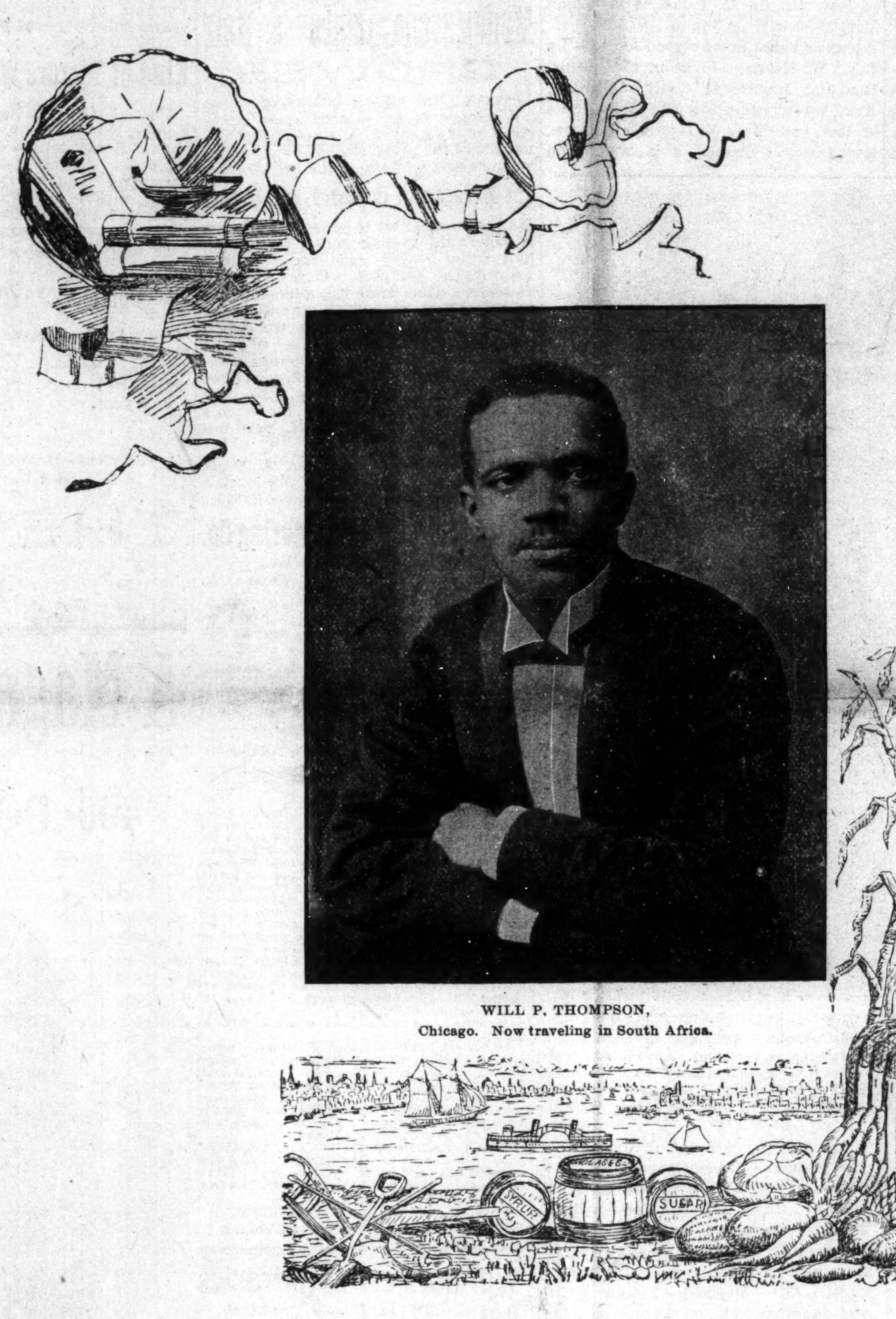

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THE "TRUE REFORMERS."

THE GROWTH OF IDEAS DEPENDENT UPON THE POSSESSION

Of Ideas—Prejudice an External Hindrance to the Growth of the Afro-American—Lillian O. Crenshaw, Cincinnati, O.

I begin by asking pardon for seeking admission to the columns of a popular paper for an article which can scarcely be of general interest, but my excuse is the belief that The Freeman has several thousand readers who give much thought to the more obstruce phases of our development as a race. The paper read by Miss Lillian O. Crenshaw before the Zion Baptist Literary society, of Cincinnati, and published in The Freeman, contains so many suggestive thoughts and strikes so close to the very center of the whole matter, as to open the way for other thoughts along the line marked out. (By the way, the literary societies are beginning to be very powerful helps in the march of progress. They bring together a serious and thoughtful class of persons, and call out many valuable papers.) The outward life of an individual or of a race is but the illustration of the inner life. Deeds are ideas materialized. Just as you would refuse to expect great things of an individual of low ideas, so also must we refuse to hope for great things from a race that is not yet emancipated from ignorance.

It is nonsense to tell the average Negro to stand up for his rights; you might just as well tell him to write a poem. He has not yet become conscious of his rights and of his duty to assert them. He believes, as does Booker T. Washington, that he is inferior and will continue to submit to be treated as such until he gets different ideas. That class of the race which has come to have high ideas of self-respect, needs no urging to stand up for its rights. People in conduct will be true to the spirit within them. But to get fact to move solid thoughts, let us remember that ideas shape the character and direct the conduct of men.

Plato was so impressed with the truth as to say that there must be an infinity of various archetypes corresponding to the various classes of external objects. This is what lead him to devise his doctrine of ideas. He regarded external objects as shifting and changing, but was so impressed with the fixedness and universality of the notions of them that he assigned to these abstract natures a real being, "as objects of intellectual apprehension," and "accounted for the existence of sensible things from their participation of them."

Aristotle saw that the enthusiasm of Plato had hidden in a medley of logic and metaphysics, the real truth and overthrew the doctrine of "ideas" as taught by Plato. Like Bacon, he directed men in the study of the actual course of things, and thus indicated the right path of discovery. Plato thought of ideas as archetypes and causes of all sensible and actual existence; whereas Aristotle regards ideas as first principles from which all knowledge is derived. "The indication of Aristotle terminates in universal notions, but the induction of Bacon terminates in general facts." We now can clearly preceive the process by which men grow and wax strong in mind. Knowledge is the first step and furnishes the raw material from which facts are separated and classified until "general laws" are discovered. The discovery of general laws prepares the mind to create new ideas consistent with these laws. The new ideas then become archetypes and are soon illustrated in life and action. If a race is shut off from the rest of the world and is thus out of touch with the new ideas of other men, and if it generates no new ideas of its own, it makes no progress.

This is illustrated in the savage people of the world. Growth is dependent upon the possessions of ideas and the multiplication of these ideas. The total result of the working out of the new ideas which have come to men is that thing called civilization. The various forms of government were once mere ideas, but have, through much toil and suffering, been worked out into sensible being. Banks and the entire commercial system are materialized ideas.

The Plan of "True Reformers" is the growth of an idea that sold cheaply at $50,000. In short, the history of any people is simply the story of the ideas which it has accepted and of its struggle to put these ideas into practice.

Let us keep this great truth before us when ever we discuss the destiny of the Afro-American.

We can easily see that he is surrounded by a civilization which holds him in contempt. He is surrounded by a people where ideas of him lead them to regard him as an inferior.

What is the result, simply the natural one, he is treated as an inferior.

This is the first fact and it reveals to us the objection in the pathway of advancement.

American prejudice is just such an external hindrance to the growth of the Afro-American as the snows, mountains, and rugged soil of Europe were to the development of the early people's dwelling there.

But this first fact is of secondary importance for history shows us that men are not made by their environments but that environments are modified by men and that the man is the active force—not the environment.

The second fact is this race question, therefore, is the Afro-American. What sort of a man is he? Will he yield to circumstances or will he go forward? What are his ideas of himself? Does he hold ideas of himself that will lead him to demand a higher destiny than his environment will freely permit? If so, he will attack his environment, he will expand and in expanding will unconsciously put forth a resistless force just as the growing root does when it lifts the stones of the street or splits the mountain rocks.

In view of these truths you can see how terrible, how deadly is the teaching of Prof. Washington who would encourage his people to accept their lot and withdraw from vital and closest touch with the other races. The Afro-American has no reason to suppose that he can generate an entirely new set of ideas and work out a new form of civilization. He has no reason to believe that America would permit any such a thing. There are only two conditions under which the Afro-American can be permanent in this country, (1) as a passive and inert portion of the community, (2) as a harmonious part of the great whole, in full accord with the life and motive of American civilization. It is toward this latter end that the ideas of the race aim. It was the teaching of Douglass, it is the doctrine of Langston, it is the creed of African Methodism, it is the idea back of every organized force in our midst. The onward sweep of this great idea has met with all manner of resistance, it already has sent a shudder of horror through the hearts of prejudiced whites, supreme courts have filed adverse decisions in the way, states have reared mountains of unfriendly statues, mobs have planted the stake, the torch and the gallows along the path, but they are all futile, the great waves roll on—At first it strikes these obstructions and timidly recedes, but it comes again and again and slowly creeps around and at last will beat with the fury of an angry ocean upon the crumbling dams that prejudice vainly rears.

The march of ideas is resistless. The Afro-American is gradually becoming conscious, is slowly taking in the modern ideas of manhood and of civilization. He has learned that knowledge in itself is mere dust but from this dust ideas may be moulded. Let us seek an enlargement of our thoughts about ourselves. Every new idea that permeates the race and is diffused among the individuals will call forth new activities.

Thus with every new truth will come a readjustment of the entire set of notions held by the race, expansion and advancement are the results. That large element of our people who reject the new ideas of to-day, who cling to the notions which they brought with them from the slave cabin, this element, called "the mass," must be dissolved by education and the air must be able to freely circulate about its every particle. In Washington I saw hundreds of people who in consciousness are not above the low idea of slavery. The people who huddle contentedly in the cabins, shanties, and low tenaments are not yet in any closer touch with the civilization about them than they would be if in Africa. The time has come when our journals, our pulpits, our school rooms must be fully emancipated from the fear of the censure of the ignorant and must lead and not follow, must rebuke and not pander, must talk and not flatter.

Every Negro must be taught to comb his hair, take frequent baths, wear neat and clean clothing, and have good manners, otherwise he is obnoxious to refined tastes, and no law can render him otherwise. A Negro who has right ideas of himself will make and keep himself decent and will never tamely submit to indecent treatment. When the number of such Negroes has sufficiently increased, victory will come. That class of preachers and teachers who talk about "Negrology" and who pander to ignorance succeed in the low aims that move them, i. e., they get along smoothly and are well liked, but they are curses to their race. There are not a great host of Afro-American leaders who care much for the real welfare of their people. What they seek is personal success as measured by money and honors. Even the Afro-American's highest literary effort, the A. M. E. Review has been brought down to the lowest level in order to gain popularity. There are many who degrade everything they touch and the mass applauds them. The cultured Afro-Americans rarely are cultured very deeply and way down in their souls there still exist the low ideas of their early life. It will indeed take generations before the race will have high thoughts of itself and live on high planes.

At present as in the past, the few Afro-Americans who like Douglass, Brown, Payne, Langston, Turner, Grant and others who have the ideas that dominate the universal mind and who labor for their people consistently are naturally misunderstood by the mass. These and many others like them live lives that are really solitary and isolate, but they live not in vain. There is a class of men and women coming up who are not merely educated, but who are also cultured, who have not merely secured knowledge, but who also have ideas such as live in the man of civilized thought. Their influence is transforming things. The mass will some day cease to be a mass, but will be resolved into a class, not of unconscious things, but of thinking, active, aggressive individuals. Then the demagogue and the "Negrologist" will be repudiated.

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Personal Mention.

Clarendon, Ark., Special.

Miss Cora Cassell, who has been on the sick list two weeks was not expected to live. Miss Sarah Hayes and Guss McCray are to be married Sunday, March 1st at Berry's Chapel. Plaxico Bros. have a new safe and desk and have had their building repapered. T. L. Sander's new fence improves the looks of his place. Mr. Bondry has moved in his new dwelling. The two Mr. Davises and Miss Georgia Wright spent last Thursday evening at Miss Lula Hall's. Dick Smith is quite sick. Mr. Camp is out in the interest of the Queen of Wisdom, Atlanta, Ga. Help him if you can, but don't forget The Freeman every Saturday brought to your door. Miss Maggie Sanders has been on the sick list. Jesse Thomas is having trouble with a sprained ankle. Miss Mary Smith is up again. Rev. A. C. Johnson came Saturday night and filled the pulpit at the A. M. E. church at 3 o'clock Sunday.

Social Entertainment.

Conway, Ark., Special.

At the residence of Mrs. Chism, Friday night the 14th an enjoyable entertainment was given by the ladies, with refreshments of all sorts. Quite an enjoyable time was had. The following named ladies and gentlemen were present: Prof. S. P. Marshall and wife, Gunthorp and wife, and Geo. Stell and wife, Mr. Bob Moore and wife, Mr. Thomas and wife, and Mr. Jackson and wife, Mrs. Coleman, J. R. Nickles, Mr. Geo. Olive, Mr. Wallace and wife, and Mr. Aaron and wife, Mr. Jones and wife, and Mrs. Alexander. Every one present complimented the ladies.

Elected Officers.

Ft. Wayne, Ind., Special.

The A. M. E. Sabbath school elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Supt., J. H. Roberts, assistant, I. Williams; secretary, Chas. Brown; treasurer, Mrs. L. A Brown; chorister, Mrs. J. Black; librarian, Miss Carrie Black; organist, Miss Laura Brown; assistant, Bertha Young. St. Mary's lodge No. 14 moved into their new hall. They are nicely located now and are prepared for the Grand Chapter. The Industrial will give an entertainment on the 25th. Rev. G. W. Brown preached a most excellent sermon Sabbath. Subscribe for The Freeman.

D. A. STRAKER'S LETTER.

READ BEFORE THE DOUGLASS CLUB BANQUET.

Grand Rapids, Michigan—Aim of the National Federation of Colored Men—The Diabolical Course of Lynchings in the South.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE DOUGLASS FRONTIER LEAGUE:—Up to this late time, I confidently expected to be present at the meeting of the Douglass Club, and on the occasion of the anniversary of the birthday of Hon. Frederick Douglass. I deeply regret that my official duties have so shaped themseves, as to prevent me doing so. I wish the Grand Rapids Club abundant success, in the future of their labors. The name the club bears, is that of one of the greatest colored Americans, that this country of ours has yet produced, his life is both a lesson, and an inspiration for us all in the struggle with persecution, a denial of our civil rights, and wrong in every shape and form. His culture and refinement of manners, intellectual acumen and broad knowledge, showed him a diamond, rough hewn, out of slavery's soil, and polished and embellished under the influence of freedom and civilized contract. Let the colored youth follow in his path of patience, forbearance, and onward movement along the line of progress. Let his firm stand of daring to maintain his rights, and the rights of his race be followed, by not only individuals, but organizations, seeking the protection of the Afro-American, from civil inhumanity and oppression. The diabolical course of lynching of our colored brothren in the South, should receive stern condemnation at your meeting, words of wisdom should be used; but a determination not to stand such unlawful methods, should be made manifest.

The mandate of the law is impotent to stop lynchings in the South. It is a social disorder and the disease must be cured by public opinion. It was inaugurated by those who designed by these charges of the most henious crimes, against society, to stop the ears, to close the eyes and dull the senses of the North, toward southern ballot-box stuffing, ku-klux clans and election frauds. They well nigh succeeded. But let us strip the mask from the face of southern counterfeit, by all just methods of exposing this diabolical conspiracy, to destroy the Negro, politically, socially and otherwise. Let it be understood that we join hands in bringing to speedy justice, the rapist, white or black, and recognize the crime to be the same in degree, whether committed by a white or black culprit; not that we ask that the legal method of securing that justice be not denied the people, whose majesty and peace are offended by the commission of the offense, as much as the individual, his or her friends or relations. Let us stamp lynching as barbarism, and ask for disproof of the charge.

The national federation of colored men hope to aid in the work of reaching a remedy against so great a social evil and personal wrong, as lynching our colored brothers in the South. We ask for the co-operation of all organizations in our labors. We appeal to the heart of the American people for their practical sympathy, in our suffering, believing if the great mass of Anglo-Saxon population in our country, will but let their voices be heard in condemnation of this great social evil, it will soon vanish. Let the pulpit and the press cry out against this sin and wrong. But to effect any good among ourselves, we must be united for a common purpose. We may, and will always have differences of opinion, but not of purpose. Let us not join him who would pull down another to build up himself. Let us scorn the slanderer and mischief maker. Let us agitate our wrongs. Let us seek justice from the courts of law, and failing, let us appeal to the conscience of the American people. Wishing you a joyful entertainment. I am yours for the race, justice and equality before the law.

D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER.

Social Events.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The Terpsichorean Club gave a grand ball on the 20th inst., at Franklin hall, Twenty-six couples were present. Music was furnished by the Muncie City Orchestra. Supper was served at the Laclede hotel. Miss Carrie Ware of Lima, O., is the guest of Miss Mattie Fragan. Miss Stewart of Cleveland, O., is the guest of Mrs. Winslow. Miss Crawford of Milton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Gilmore. Jno. Morin of Lima was here to attend the ball. Geo. Benson is visiting relatives in Lima. Omer Knox is able to be out after a short illness of la grippe. Rev. H. E. Stewart was in Indianapolis last week on business. The Eagle Brass band practices every Wednesday and Friday evenings and play some very fine selections under the management and direction of Prof. Edward Robbin. Teddie Whitman of the Western League has a movement on foot to give Muncie a good colored ball team. Casey White, Willie Guthrie and Wm. Stockett have decided to ride the goat Thursday night in I. O. O. F. Jim Walker the young Afro-American who married Helen Schaffer (white) through ignorance of the laws of the state of Indiana, was bound over to circuit court, on $500 bail. Each in default of bail was taken to jail. George Samuels, master teaser at Ball's Glass Works, was off duty last week for the first time in four years. F. D. Welch, advance man for The Indianapolis World was in our city last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Henry Wallace.

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER.

If the old saying that "a bad beginning makes a good ending," is true, Lincoln's birthday will be one of the greatest of our national holidays. It was celebrated for the first time this year in New York state, and two more or less distinguished Afro-Americans made "bad breaks." They were Booker T. Washington and Richard T. Greener. Mr. Washington was the honored guest at the Lincoln banquet, given by the swell Union League club, of Brooklyn, and was supposed to represent the "New Negro," and voice the sentiments of the more intelligent and advanced minds of the race. He responded to the toast, "Lincoln, the emancipator" During his remarks he is quoted in the New York Press as having said:

"It is better for the Negro to start a garden truck farm or a milk dairy rather than attend political conventions. He can find a wider scope for his abilities in a blacksmith shop than in Congress or the state legislature."

Without penning a long essay, I will simply say that the statement is untrue. If the brother in white cannot "find a wider scope for his abilities in a blacksmith shop than in Congress or the state legislature," its a poor rule that will not work with both races, I am surprised to learn that Mr. Washington made these false remarks. In making such a statement he simply "played to the gallery."

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Booker T. Washington was a school mate of mine at Hampton. I entered the school a year ahead of him, and likewise graduated one class in his advance. I distinctly remember the first day he landed on Hampton's shores, an innocent, green looking, rustic West Virginia boy. I enjoyed his friendship (personal friendship) during school life, and for years after we graduated "we have wintered and summered" it together, and I still call him "Booker" when we meet. He is, beyond a doubt, a distinguished Afro-American and a great educator, still his remarks last week prove that he is not perfect or correct in his opinions always, and I feel it my duty as a co-educator to criticize his remarks. If there are flaws in a man of note, it is my duty (self appointed) to show them to the public, "With malice towards none, with charity towards all."

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Booker T. Washington is a noble man, a master mind, a great educator; he has done more to "redeem the human mind from error" and better the condition of his race than any other young man of color. Suppose my friend and school mate, "Booker," had wandered back to West Virginia and entered a blacksmith shop after he left Hampton, instead of starting the Tuskegee Institute, would his abilities (of which he has tons) found a "greater scope?" Would he have been called from his obscure backwoods forge to respond to a toast at a banquet given by the swell Union League club of Brooklyn? Would Booker Washington, the dusky blacksmith, have been tolerated in the same manner Prof. B. T. Washington, the distinguished colored educator was tolerated?

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I use the word "tolerated" because an Afro-American is only tolerated—never admitted upon a social standing—at a strictly "white folks" social banquet. As Ben Johnson says, this statement may not be rhyme or poetry, but it is nevertheless true. I have been the only black face at more strictly white social dinners and "blow outs" than any other Negro in or about Greater New York, but I was never fool enough to imagine that I was there upon a social standing. I will admit that the most of these banquets were given by political clubs and I was tolerated because I was supposed to have a following of 200 Negro voters. Many of the company I knew were in every way inferior to me. and I simply tolerated them because I had an ax to grind. It was a case of "Toleration vs. Toleration."

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The whites like to hear "great" darkies acknowledge their own inferiority in general and that of the black race in particular which fact recalls to mind a little incident: Twenty years ago I was a delegate to a colored men's state convention in Virginia. The convention met in Richmond. I was walking along one of the main streets of that city when I met an ex-Hampton student who was at the time a member of the Lower House of the State Legislature. He was from the Republican district and represented the most intelligent black vote in the state. He was glad to see me and shook my hand. We walked arm in arm up the street, talking over the bright past, when suddenly he leaped forward, snatched off his hat with both hands and bowed and scraped to a fat little white man.

"Why, how are you, Col. L——?" asked the Negro Assemblyman.

"I'm well, thank you; I'm glad to meet you, Pete," replied the white man extending his hand. "I suppose you will be re-elected this fall, Pete."

"I don't know sir; you know Col. L——, I am for re-adjustment."

"Well, Pete; that's right; if I were in your district by G——, I be d—— if I wouldn't vote for you my boy; good day."

The white man marched up the street and the black man put on his hat and started down the street with me. One was an ex-rebel colonel, a member of F. F. V's. (Fast Fading Vanquished) a private citizen who knew the "boy Pete" "fore de war, sah." The other an educated fine looking black man, a state official who was supposed to represent thousands of the "New Negroes" of the richest and most intelligent section of the Old Dominion. What a picture! a leading colored man with hat in hand, playing "nigger" before an ex-rebel. It is just as much of a crime for an intelligent Afro-American to play "nigger" in the North to-day as it was for one of the same type to play "coon" in the South twenty years ago.

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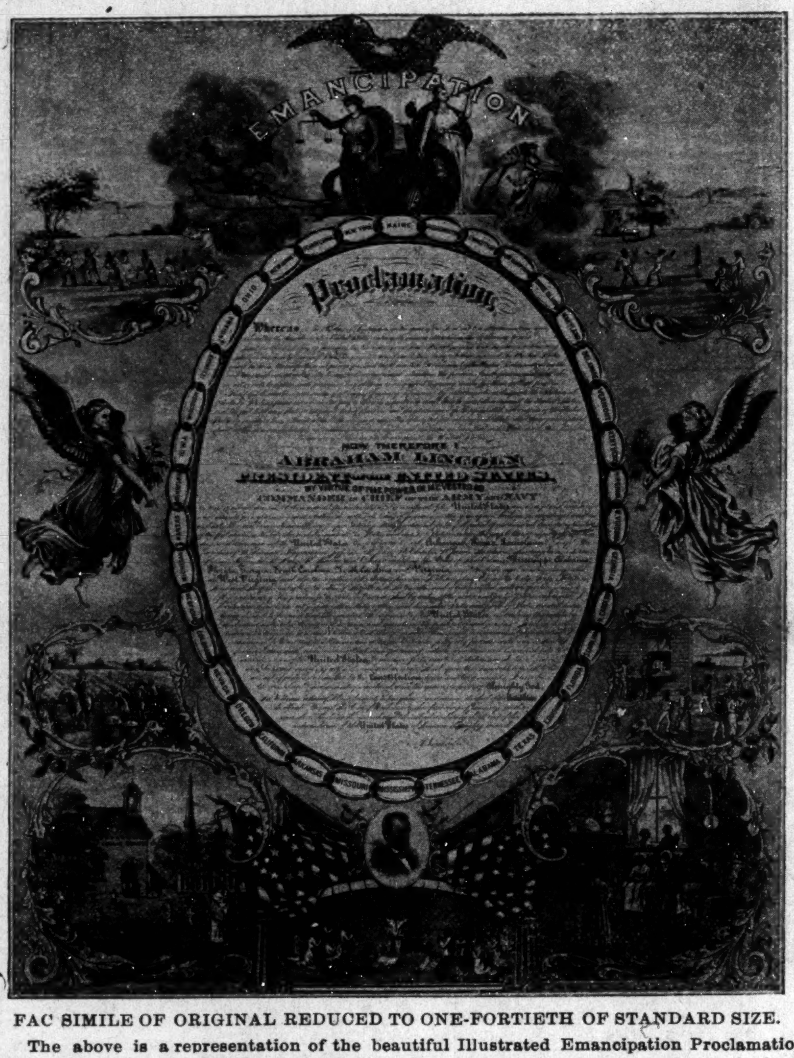
The second "bad break" was made by Prof. R. T. Greener, and has caused his stock to fall greatly among the colored people in Greater New York. It had been widely advertised that there would be a colored people's Lincoln memorial meeting held at the historic Cooper's Institute, New York City. Several eminent speakers were billed to be present, and Prof. Greener was to be in charge. Nothing was said about an admission fee. I was one of nine hundred who went to the Cooper Institute to honor the memory of the great emancipator. When we got there we were surprised to learn that we could not enter the hall unless we paid 25 or 50 cents for a ticket. R. McCabe Patterson, Esq., who had come all the way from Chicago, claimed that he had sent Greener $50 to help pay for the hall, with the understanding that the admission would be free to the public. The lie was exchanged between these gentlemen. The newspaper men asked an explanation from Greener, who ordered them out of the hall in loud "cus words." The natural result of this wild act was that the newspapers next morning "roasted" Mr. Greener in fine style. The meeting was a fizzle and looked as if it was gotten up "for revenue only." I left for Brooklyn. I would not pay a cent, because I hate "funny business" or anything that locks like fraud. Society restricts the language of men, but can not curb their thoughts, and many persons who used polished language when expressing their indignation, thought some wicked things about Prof. R. T. Greener; and as I said in the opening of this paragraph, Greener's stock has fallen several points in Greater New York. It was a bad beginning for Lincoln Day, but I hope the next one will be better.

B. SQUARE.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Death—Personal Mention.

Ft. Wayne, Ind. Special.

Sunday morning, Feb. 9th, at 10:10 o'clock, occured the death of Ferney Turman at his home 17½ Milita st., of congestion of the brain. Mr. Turman was well known throughout the state of Indiana and was an active member of St. Marys Lodge No. 14 of F. and A. M. and was Past D. G. M. of Masons of the state of Indiana. Mr. Turman was a railroad man having for the last six years been with the Penn. Co., but was formerly with the Wabash Co. He leaves a widow to mourn his loss. Their many friends join her in her sad bereavment. The remains were taken in charge and burried with Masonic rites.

Mrs. Sethe Canada, of Kokomo, is in the city visiting Mrs. James Smith. Mrs. Smith has been quite sick this winter. Thos. J. Bird, Miss Ora and Miss Ollie were in our city last week attending the funeral. Horace Turner, of Logansport and Mrs. Della Cogwell, of Columbus, Ohio, were here, also James Smith, Dept. G. C. of K. T. went to Marion and Lafayette looking after the interests of Garfield and Hinton Commandery of K. T. Mrs. S. M. Raines left for Logansport after the funeral to attend her sister Mrs. Kate Turner who is sick at that place.

Fire Fiends.

Belton, Tex., Special

On the first Monday, which is known as stray sale day, a great many people came to town. Horses were sold for one-third their value. The fire fiend is still making his work of fire. On the 12th Perry & Justice awoke to find that their saloon, billiard hall and lunch department were in flames. On the 15th Billy Kersand, the famous minstrel man was here. A large crowd was on the streets to get a glimpse of him. Mrs. Jones is on the sick list. Mrs. Dugan is recovering. Rev. McHarris, G. A. Shanklin, Rev. Wilson and the white ministers all preached against the men attending the minstrel. Rev. T. C. Durham, P. E., passed through on the 17th on his way home from his quarter at San Angelo. He reports a nice time. The Freeman is making friends here.

News and Notes.

Texarkana, Tex., Special.

Sunday the 9th was a field day for the gospel. Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor of Cannaan Baptist church, closed his revival meeting with ten conversions, one adult and nine children, aged from six to ten years. Sunday morning he baptized the nine children. Rev. P. W. Wesley attended the memorial service of Rev. Dr. L. M. Luke at Mt. Zion Baptist church at 3 p. m. St. Paul M. E. was treated to two good sermons by Rev. W. Hartley Jackson, the pastor. Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Tally of Wilton, Ark., was visiting in the city, the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. Hartley Jackson. Rev. Davis of Stamps, Ark., was in the city Sunday. Thos. Boyd died very suddenly. Rev. Jackson attended his funeral. Prof. Spencer, principal of the city schools on the Texas side, is the leading candidate for the delegateship to the National Convention to meet in St. Louis. Mesdames Fannie Fuller and Mary O'Neil are on the sick list. J. H. McRiley is a successful young merchant. Chas. Greene stabbed one John ——. He is convalescing. Mrs. W. H. Jackson has been very sick, also Mrs. Carrie Frenchie. J. A Armstrong superintendent of St. Paul M. E. church Sunday school is an earnest and painstaking superintendent. Mrs. Joanna P. Moore of Nashville, Tenn., agent for the fine school, made a flying trip to the city. She wins for her work wherever she lectures.

Church and Personal Mention.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.

It looks like they want to shut the black man from the national convention Dr. M. J. Connor has given to the public a good book on Christian Theology. Bethel church will celebrate Bishop Allen's birthday on Sunday. The city Pastor's Union held its monthly meeting recently. Only a few churches are helping to care for the Old Ladies Home, every church in the city ought to give something to its support. The Lamplight Club was entertained by Mrs. Y. C. Boone. Rev. E. P. Jones has a good barber shop at Fifth and Center streets.

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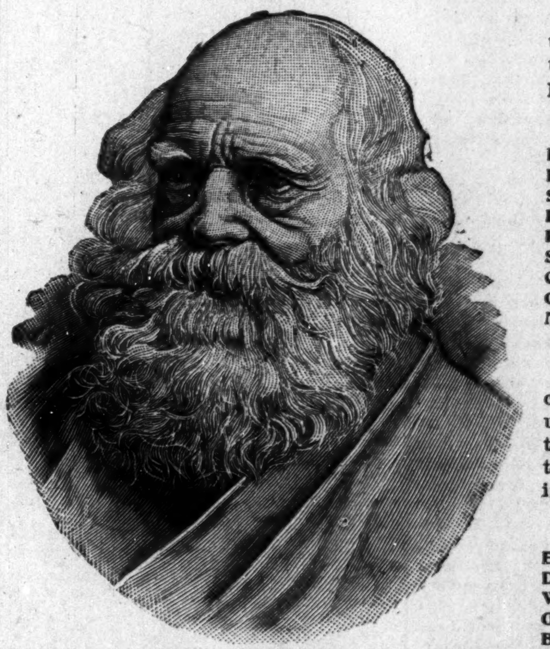

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CHAPTER XXVI.

PLOTTER AND COUNTER-PLOTTER MEET.

> "For never can true reconcilement grow
> Where wounds of deadly hate have pierced so deep."
>
> —Milton.

BY GEORGE, I think I'll get drunk to drown my sorrow, when I get to New York," remarked Clark to himself as he stepped upon the train for the great city. "Well after all," he continued, "its all my fault in two ways as Hardy says; if I'd done as he told me, I'd been O. K.; if I'd told her on the go that I could not write or at least not write good perhaps it would have been alright, as I know she was stuck on me the first time she seen me. Then if I'd let them letters alone and let Andy kept them the thing would had panned out O. K. Then if I had not gone into the North Star club and met that d—— Maud Clifford, things would be flying, but such is life; I've been in bad luck for some time."

When the train reached Forty-Second street depot in New York, Clark walked over to Sixth avenue and took a horse car down to Twenty-Eighth street and entered Nail Bros'. fashionable cafe and walked up to the bar. He was well known at Nail's, where he had spent many a dollar. "Jack" Nail, the senior brother of the firm, was behind the bar and greeted him with: "How are you, Mr. Clark?"

"Oh, Jack, I'm feeling blue; my girl has gone back on me. You remember me telling you about her? Well she has gone back on me and I feel blue."

"Cheer up, old boy; remember the old saying, 'that there's as good fish in the sea as was ever caught of it.' Have a drink with me, Clark."

"No, you have a drink with me, because I'm drinking wine and it won't do for you to blew in a bottle of wine; you know that I'm in the business, Jack; let us have a small bottle."

They had just finished the "small bottle" when in walked Charlie Anderson, a companion of Clark's, who filled a like position at Brown's hotel another road house about a mile and a half from O'Toole's.

"Well, as I live! if there ain't my old side pard, Clark! Say, Joe, it's my day off. Hey, Jack, open up a quart of Mumm p. d. q.; I'm out for a good time. Say, Joe, when have you heard from the future Mrs. Clark, old man?"

"Don't say a word, Charlie; I've been faded and whip-sawed."

"Been-faded-and-whip-sawed?"

"Yes, I've been faded and whip-sawed, as we say in craps."

"By who?"

"I've been faded by a d—— nigger from down home, and whip-sawed by a d—— woman; you know her—you know that Maud Clifford, don't you, Charlie?"

"Yes, tell us all about it, Joe."

"You see it was this way; this coon tried to court my girl, but he wasn't 1, 2, 3, in the race, in fact he was left at the post, so he wrote her a lot of stuff about me—half lies and half truth which kinder sot her against me. I just got that fixed O. K. when I stacked up against Maud at the North Star club, got full and she stole some letters from Martha out of my pocket and sent them to her, telling her that she was my wife; that knocked me out with Martha, but say, just wait till I run up against that coon and that gal—I won't do a thing to them—Oh, no."

"Why don't you sue the girl for breach of promise, Joe?"

"For what?"

"For going back on you."

"That's all poppy-cock; what's the use of trying to stack up against two women?"

"What two?"

"Why Maud and Martha; 'cause Maud would sware that she was my wife."

"She must have some claim on you, then."

"No, she has not, but what can't that class of women sware to, Charlie?"

"No, I'll let them both go to h—l, but I must say I feel blue, old boy."

"Oh well, cheer up, Joe; there's better fish in the sea."

"That's what Jack Nail just said, but I do not think so; in fact I know there is not."

"You are a fool, Joe; why I would not take on about the best woman the sun ever shined on; let's have another quart—to h—l with all the women; hey, Jack, give us another quart."

"What's the matter with you—this is on me."

Before they had finished the second bottle of wine a white friend of Charlie Anderson's walked in, having heard his voice as he was going past Nail's.

"Well, as I live! if here ain't Tom Willet! Hey, Tom, old boy—man you are just in time; Jack put up another glass. Where are you going, Tom?"

"I'm going over to Jersey—over to Hoboken where there is lots of fun. There are several concert halls over there in full blast like there used to be over here—lots of music, myrth, beer and pretty girls on and off the stage; you boys had better come."

"They might object to us, Tom. You know Jersey is not New York."

"Oh, there's no fear of that; every man is treated like a man if he does what is the proper thing and don't try to make a row."

"You can have a good time, 'but don't start nothing,' as the old saying goes," broke in Clark.

"That's just it," replied Willet, "you can have a good time, but don't start anything wrong, so come on boys."

The three men finished the bottle of wine and left for Hoboken, N. J., going to one of the concert halls with which the outskirts of the city were at the time full. They took front seats near the stage upon which were several "female actors," as the board bill outside announced. First, Willet ordered "a small bottle," then Anderson. The hall was full of young Jersey hayseeds with a sprinkling of New York City sports. All eyes were turned upon Clark and company when they ordered wine, as the rest of the house patrons were drinking beer. Clark always carried about fifty dollars with him and always made up what he called a "fake roll" when he went to New York City. On this occasion he had about eighty dollars wrapped about a big roll of green paper. When he yelled to the waiter, "say there, let us have a quart of Mumm's extra dry because we are extra dry," and pulled out what looked like a five hundred or thousand dollar roll of bills and snatched off a twenty dollar bill and threw it on the table the whole play almost stopped short, and one of the leading "female actors" resolved to get some of the money, even if its owner was an Afro-American. It was the custom after each "act" for the "ladies" to leave the stage, slip on a long "Mother Hubbard" and walk down among the "gents" and drink with them. Just before the "act" was over one of the waiters walked up to Clark and said:

"Miss Lulu De Lang, de French lady wid de red tights on, says dat she'll have er small bottle wid yer."

"O. K., give the lady anything she wants," replied Clark.

"The lady" had a bottle on the stage at the conclusion of the act and then retired to one of the "private dining rooms" of which the upper part of the hall was full. Two other "ladies" followed her, and word was sent to "tell the colored gent and his friends that three of the lady actors wants to see them in parlor No. 4."

The three young men were shown in "parlor No. 4" which was furnished with a drinking table and four chairs and some "art" pictures upon the wall.

"I don't know yer name," said Miss Lulu De Lang as she extended her hand with a smile upon her well painted face to Clark, but let me introduce you to a few lady friends of mine, and then you can introduce the other gents. This lady is Miss Maud Chapman, the great song and dance actress from across the pond in Liverpool, and this is Miss Flossie Granville the great lady middle-weight champion boxer of the world. Take seats, girls, and likewise gents. Mr. —— I don't know your name, but I'll sit side you."

"Mr. Joseph J. Clark is my name; what are you and your friends going to have?"

"We'll have a nice cold quart of Mumm; ring for the waiter."

There was no use to ring for the waiter, as he was standing just outside of the half open door. Each one of the three men bought a quart of wine, after which "Miss Lulu De Lang" took Clark by the hand and led the way to "parlor No 2," where they had a "small bottle." She in the mean time had captivated Clark with her smiles and had succeeded in "borrowing" $30 from him for ten days. He had by this time succeeded in drowning his sorrow; in fact he had quite forgotten Martha Wright. When they left the concert hall for the great city, Clark was very much under the influence of liquor. As he and his friends entered the gentlemen's cabin of the Jersey City and New York ferry boat, Banks, who had been visiting some friends in Jersey City, also entered and took a seat opposite. Clark saw him and jumped up in a rage.

"Do you know what I think of you, Banks?" he asked.

"No, I don't know, and what's more I don't care," was the reply.

"Well, I tell you: I think you are a d—— mean sucker; you tried to throw me down and I've got a great mind to break your face."

"Don't spoil a great mind."

"Now, none of your gruff, or I'll do it right here. You stole some of my letters, read them and sent them to my girl down in Virginia."

"Your girl? Ha! ha! ha!"

"Yes, my girl; none of your slack talk or I'll break your face—take that;" and Clark aimed a blow at Bank's face but the latter dodged. Clark's friends pulled him away, telling him not to start any trouble on the boat. He swore, howevar, to beat Banks, the next time he saw him, and for weeks after that night when off duty he looked high and low for Banks in order to make good his promise. He visited the concert garden every time he went to New York City and always saw "Miss Lulu De Lang," who was always short and borrowed money from him. She told him that she once had a company of her own upon the road in England and only wanted a few hundred dollars to start one in this country. As Clark had made the impression that he was worth a few hundred dollars she tried hard to get him to invest money in the prospective company.

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Gosling's Weekly Budget.

Shelbyville, Tenn., Special.

Elmer Harris will build a parsonage in the new church yard. The leap year entertainment at the A. M. E. church was a success. Prof. J. C. McAdams, A. G. Daniels, P. W. Patterson, T. T. Ransom, R. Purdy, Rev. Stones, Wesley Clabron, Mesdames J. C. McAdams, T. T. Ransom, B. Niel, M. Bell, Miss Mary Frazier and others worked very hard. They cleared $52 for the pastor. Rev. J. H. Turner has returned. Miss Maggie Davis is on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. W. M. Key at Chattanoogo. Miss Annie Moore of Columbia is in the city. Misses Mary Haskins and Mary Knott are in town. Miss Mary Morton was married to John Frazier on the 12th. Miss Lula Floyd is some better. Miss Lillian M. Anderson is working very hard in her school. The funeral of Dr. L. Furnes's faaher was attended at Lisan Springs on the 17th.

The Tennessee Minstrel was grand. Miss Mary Ella Simms will attend school at Nashville. Mesdames W. C. Cartwright, Mary Burkeen and son, and Miss Jennie McKing were out visiting on the 25th. Ernest Harris is stopping at Mrs. A. C. Myers. Miss Polly Trosby is attending school. Rev. Henry Fishback is in school. His father is quite sick. George Evans was in the city on the 16th. Walter Edmondson has gone to Petersburg. Tom Washington was in the city on the 14th. Rev. J. A. Jones is not leaving a stone unturned in his school. He has eighty-four pupils enrolled. Mrs. Lee Trail, daughter and son were in the city on the 14th. James Gilliland's eyes are causing him some trouble. Prof. R. L. Whitesides was in on the 16th. Dan Blakemore is ill. Mesdames Ella Mason and Maud Barnsdal have moved. Guy Barnsdal was in the city on the 14th. Get The Freeman at Gosling's store.

Clarinda, Iowa, News.

Clarinda, Iowa, Special.

Mrs. Turner is better at this writing. Mrs. Howe who has been away visiting has returned. Mrs. W. H. Jackson of Granity, Iowa, is visiting her brother, Mr. Howe, P. S. Mrs. M. Carter who was called away to see her daughter, Mrs. Howe at Bedford, Iowa, is reported better. Rev. Alexander has returned to continue his revival meeting here.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

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GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDACY.

Among the many candidates for governor of the state of Indiana the name of Major Doxey of Anderson, has been very favorably mentioned, and doubtless like many others would be very acceptable to the Republicans generally. However, there are many more whose chances are equally as bright, and who have claims in that direction. Hon. Charles F. Griffin of Hammond, is being seriously considered in this section. Mr. Griffin served as secretary of the state of Indiana two terms. He was immediately considered a gubernatorial possibility, but being a young man stood aside for those who were older in service and age. Several years has elapsed since then. It is understood that he will now stand for the place which he so considerately allowed to pass, if he is so chosen by the convention. Mr. Griffin is a successful lawyer and a man of ability, as was evidenced in the capacity of secretary. It may not be known what other secretaries of state may do, but Mr. Griffin is the only state officer that ever appointed a colored man for any considerable length of time to a clerkship. It seems as a rule that the state officers cannot come to a conclusion to follow this rule up. It is too far away (the convention) to determine what the out come may be, yet it is very evident that Mr Griffin stands high mid the rank and file of Negro Republicans, and will not have serious trouble in gaining their support. THE FREEMAN is not committed to any man but out of respect for the knowledge it has of Mr. Griffin it speaks without reservation.

PENSIONING EX-SLAVES.

It is mere demagogism on the part of those who are claiming to farther measures to pension the ex-slaves. Negroes should not be deceived by such clap-trappism. There is no disposition nor intention on the part of any body to pension the ex-slaves. Such fiction is likely to prove damaging in the extreme, by arousing a feeling of expectancy when there is no hope. Negro newspapers do a great wrong in trying to toady to the Negroes' passions in this matter. Newspapers are to lead not to befuddle. There are other schemes of more importance than trying to loot the United States Treasury. What government could adequately pension slaves of so many years? It should be understood for all time, that these questions are meant to ride somebody into power. The measure is impracticable unprecendented, and absurb. It should be dismissed. Honesty of sentiment is required where millions are likely to be hoodwinked. The subject is a mischief breeder. The South has claimed pay for property lost in ex-slaves and with some little reason; for their money was in them whether right or wrong. It is more than likely that this question would be revived—make haste slowly!

HIGH FOR MANKIND.

Is the colored people wish to have a good newspaper in their home for information, as the information, as the news of the States; we recommend you the best Negro paper being published in the United States. Its composition is high for mankind and sweet woman. In fact it is indispensable in the Negro homes. The managers of this paper has made special announcement that the Indianapolis Freeman will be $1 a year. This will expire on the 15th Let everybody be on time—The Louisana Progress.

The Progress is not yet slow. Although young in the cause, it has an old folks way of acting. It is hammering home some telling truth. May it ever be bent on its mission for "good government," and may success attend its ways.

A NEW DOCTOR.

Indianapolis will soon be favored by a full-fledged lady doctor in the person of Mrs. Beulah Wright Porter. She has made very commendable progress all through her college terms, standing as a rule in the nineties in her examinations. She has been asked to read a paper before the Sydenham Medical Association, the alumni of a first class college of this city. The honor has never been accorded a colored person before.

IT is said that Waller will be sent to St. Louis as a delegate by the people of Kansas.

MR. G. L. JONES of the Recorder's office is an avowed candidate for the legislature.

THE names of W. T. Floyd, W. W. Christy and C. A. Webb, have been mentioned in connection with the legislative possibilities.

PROF. EDWIN F. HORNE, formerly of Indianapolis, is an instructor of a Normal class of teachers in Little Rock, Ark. He is reported to be making a success.

MR. GEO. H. BAIRD, manager of the Southern Normal Teachers Agency, has been unfortunate in losing his office by fire. It was burned Feb 21st; destroying all records etc. A clerical force will be immediately employed to recover names.

IT is reported that T. Thomas Fortune has been in Florida trying to work up a Morton boom. It did not go. The Wily McKinley people got in their work. Sixteen out of nineteen counties have been instructive for McKinley.

GEO. H. JACKSON, who claims that he drove the cab which carried Pearl Bryan to her awful doom, will be kept busy establishing a favorable reputation.—Voice of the People.

It seems that when a good size row is on hand, respectable or otherwise, the colored citizen casts his shadow athwart the scene.

THE Hill and Lynch faction of Mississippi, have been having a regular war in the selection of delegates in Adams county to go to the conty convention. It seemed for a time that Hill had carried everything before him, but later advices show that Lynch has won. Just how he could win in the face of the start Hill is a problem.

WHEN in Chicago a few days ago, Booker T. Washington of Tuskegee, was invited to deliver an address before the Commercial Club of Chicago, which is composed of sixty of the most wealthy men in Chicago, Mr. George M. Pullman, Mr. Armour, Mr. McCormick and men of that class were present to hear Mr. Washington.

EMIGRATION to Liberia has again set in. About forty persons left Selma, Ala , last week under the management of the Emigrant Society of Birmingham, Ala. The emigrants represent several cities. The prospects for carrying large numbers to Africa do not seem very flattering. Ten families from a half dozen cities go to show that the doctrine of the African emigration is not very sound. They pay a passage of $41. This company should publish letters showing the goodly prospects of past emigrants in order to relieve itself of the suspicion of duplicity. All other concerns are eager to give testimonials as to the merits of the thing advertised. This society should profit by the example.

A few weeks ago it was quite a question as to who would inherit the Harrison boom. It is now very conclusive that McKinley is heir to the major portion. Next to Harrison, McKinley stands as the favorite of Indiana. His career as governor has certainly impressed the country with the fact, that he is a man of convictions, an ultra American, and an upholder of law as against mob violence.

FLAGLER SHOOTING INCIDENT.

The termination of the unfortunate shooting affair, which allows Miss Flagler to escape by paying a fine of $500 and staying in jail for three hours, is indeed the most serious that has happened in a great while. One cannot preceive for what degree of murder she was tried. Unless the courts of Washington are far different from the courts of Indiana, no such sentence could be had. If this was justifiable homicide, [or accidental killing, Miss Flagler should go scot free and not add insult to inquiry by this unheard-of sentence. The sentence of the courts in this case will long be remembered. It will do much to realize to the hopeless, helpless Negro just what he must expect in events—the anointed is in question. It is an object lesson to those who have an abiding faith. No one need be duly astounded, it would occur in any considerable community in this country. This case is indeed food for reflection. Where are we at? is a serious question at this time.

FEDERATION COMMITTEE.

LIST OF ACCEPTANCES

Hon. M. W. Gibbs, Little Rock, Ark., "I heartily concur with the federation, and will gladly meet such a committee for the object stated." Bishop A. Walters, D. D., New York. "I accept the appointment and will be on hand." David W. Henry, Chicago, Illinois.

NOTICE.

At the moment of going to press the entire editorial page of the Conservator was "pied"—too late to do more than give this notice to the readers. IDA B. WELLS-BARNETT—The Conservator—and caked.

Current Events.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.

Rev. M. Vann had to return home from Tulloboma last week on account of being ill. He is confined to his room at this writing. Mrs. C. H. Cann has been quite ill this week. Miss Lenora Moore is convalescent after several days of severe illness. Miss K. M. Daugherty is still improving. Mrs. Rowan, on Leonard street, improves very slowly. David D. Kenney and wife are all smiles. It is a fine boy. Mother and child are doing well. There will be a grand reception the 3d, prox., at Evans' hall. A. O. Taylor and J. H. McDaniel, managers. John Quays returned from home at Morristown last week, where he went to visit his mother. The concert at St. Elmo, Feb. 21st, for the benefit of the library, under the auspices of Prof. W. J. Hale and others, was a grand affair. Those on the program were as follows: Duet, "Shells of the ocean," Misses Louise Gamble and Lucile Hardin; solo, "Were I a Violet," Miss Jennette Washington; duet, "Hear me Norma," Misses Susie Massinburg and Mobelia Chestnut; chorus, "Where the lillies bloom;" reading, "Rizpah," Miss U. F. Bannister; quartette, "Tis the holy hour of evening;" bass solo, "I fear no foe," Will Monroe; reading, Miss Mary Harris; "The school library," Prof. H. D. Huffaker. The rendition of the program was good and very interesting. The entertainment at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Small, Friday night, was quite a grand affair. It was under the auspices of the L. M. N., of the First Congregational church. Those on the program were Messrs. H. D. Alexander, W. H. Hastic, W. H. Singleton, R C. Hawkins, M. R. Carson, H. B. Lewis and J. C. Wallace. Subscribers will please note that this is the last of the four weeks, after which your subscription will be due.

The Manager Ill.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.

Manager, Mr. Lew Johnson, of the Plantation Minstrel is on the sick list The complaints are lagrippe and rheumatism. He left his company Feb. 25 and started for his home in California to rest. Mr. A. McDonal will act as manager of the company. Lew Johnson's Plantation Minstrels are billed for Eden Valley, Minn., Feb. 28th, Cold Springs 29th, New Panesville 30th, Ansdale 31st, Bufflo March 1st.

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SOCIAL GATHERINGS.

Wedding Bells—Not Engaged—Church News.

Louisville, Ky., Special.

Miss Estella B. Young is convalescent. Miss Julia Hubbard has recovered from her illness. W. H. Harris, one of our popular lettercarriers is confined to his room. Miss Lucretia Gibson, who has been ill for some few days, was able to resume her work in school Monday. The lenten services of our Merciful Savior church are being liberally attended. The bi-monthly report of the high school is due this week, and as a natural corsequence some of the pupils are much excited. Rev. M. F. Robinson, pastor of the 11th st. Christian church, is doing some splendid work. Quite a number of additions have been recently make to the church and much good is promised. Stephen Bell, of the class of '86 was unanimously chosen by the Alumni association to address the class of '96. Benj. S. Winlock is somewhat indignant over the rumor concerning the supposed engagement. He states that it was the result of a malicious intent and that it is not true. Mr. Winlock is contemplating a visit to St. Louis, Mo during the convention, (this is true) Prof. J. J. C. McKinley made a very pointed and impressive address to the 12th st. Sabbath school pupils Sunday morning. His talk was consise yet exceedingly appropriate and well received by the little ones. The reception of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Pate was largely attended and many presents marked the degree of estimation in which the young couple are held by their many friends. John Lewis, a respectable old resident of our city was instantly killed Monday morning while washing a second story window in Williams' restaurant. Many electric wires encircles the restaurant, he coming in contact with one of them met instant death and fell upon the pavement below. He was removed to his home. He leaves three grown children and a devoted wife.

The Gypsy entertainment given by the ladie's auxiliary of Mt. Calvary Comandary No. 9, K. T., Monday night was a decided success The Gypsy camp, representing camp life and a flag drill by 16 little girls under the command of Prof. J. T. Gilliard was the special feature of the program. All eyes seem to be centered on the rapid progress of the 12th st. A M. E. Zion church. The Bazar given by the young ladies of the church last week was a great seccess. They realized the sum of $112 on the bazar and turned the same over to the trustees Sunday evening. Sunday being rally day the congregation raised $88.05 and with the realization of the young ladies, a total of $200.05 was had. Rev. Seymour is carried away with the work of his congregation and states that he will start to completing the edifice within a few months. Much credit reflects upon the young ladies of the church for their faithful efforts and the congregation for their exceedingly renewed interest.

Miss Lottie B. Lee has been ill for some few days. The East Lynn Literary Social, one of the most popular ladie's clubs of the city, met at the residence of Miss M. A. Crutchfield 1826 W. Madison, last Thursday evening and a well prepared program was rendered. Quite a number of visitors were present and quite a pleasant evening was had with the accomplished young ladies. The rendition of the program reflects credit upon both the individual and the club. Miss Minnie Crutchfield, the efficient president, read an essay on "The women of the present socially compared with the women of the future," and it was certainly captivating. Miss Susie Bell and Mr. Elmore Gravens were quietly married on the 20th inst. in Jeffersonville, Ind. They left immediately for St. Louis, Mo. where Mr. Gravens is employed. Many preparations are being made at 723 second st. by one of our popular beaux to tread the chilly waters of the Ohio and there in Little New Albany tie the binding knot with a pretty and accomplished belle. Gus, the boys say you are alright. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Loonis left the city a few days ago to reside in Knoxville, Tenn.

Social Doings.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Special.

W. F. W. Stafford who has been visiting relatives in Almena the past week has returned home. The funeral of Mrs. James L. Hammonds who died Thursday was held Sunday at the Second Baptist church, of which she was a faithful member. She leaves a husband, four children and a sister to mourn her loss. Mrs. Julia Anderson, 626 North Walleridge street, has returned home after a week'svisit with her son in Lafayette, Ind. Mrs. Rev. Bell left Monday morning for Vandalia where she will assist in revival meetings. There were special services held at the A. M. E. church Sunday for the Odd Fellows. The W. C. T. U. will meet next Friday afternoon at the Second Baptist church. Mrs. Charles O. Bailiff is on the sick list. Little Vivian Stafford who has been sick is better Miss Hattie Evans left this week for Battle Creek. She will remain there four weeks.

Poplar Bluff News.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., Special.

On February 16th Lewis Steppe's house was burned and all the household goods were consumed. Mr. Wm. Grogan's baby died on the 16th. Mrs. Rachel Curry and husband became involved in a fight on the 16th, in which Mrs. Curry was seriously beat up. Mahala Redmond returned home from Lincoln College Institute at Jefferson City, Mo., on the 18th, where she has been attending school for six months. George Jones, of New Port, Ark., was arrested in this city on the 18th for stealing a horse. Mr. Carter had a watch and gun stolen from him on the 18th. The executive board of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church convened on the 20th. Robert Aderson has been sick for three weeks.

Church and Personal Mention.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

A cancus of colored voters will be held this week to decide who they will select as delegates to the State Convention. Jerry Lee and Pleas Jennings are still sick. Mrs. Luvenia Miller has recovered from a recent illness. Dick Oakly, a convict from the Eddyville Prison escaped the 23rd, and came here. He was captured in less than two hours. The entertainment given by the G. A. B. Club of the A. M. E. church on the 22nd, drew a large crowd. H. B. Davis' new barber shop will be opened to the public on the 29th inst, it will be located at 221 S. Seventh street. Mrs. Amanda Phillips is visiting sick relatives at Marion. Mr. and Mrs. General Russell celebrated their tin wedding on the 28th. The Gypsies Festival, a musical entertainment, will take place soon. It will be a union church benefit and will contain some of the best talent in the city. Mr. Bradshaw will direct the affair. Get The Freeman every Saturday at 419 Jackson street.

Afro-Americans Organize.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.

The Afro-Americans of this city organized a Protective League last Monday night and the following officers were elected: President, S. Murray; vice, P. Elerbre; secretary, Curtis Sommerville; treasurer, Thomas Cornis; executive board, M. Hamilton, R. A. Barnes, T. Holiday, P. Babb, J. Mayweathers. Frank Sommerville of Fairbury was in the city this week. S. Bell left the city for Joliet where he has received a position. Miss Mayme Cornis entertained a number of young people at her birthday party last Tuesday evening. Mr. Crawford of Normal filled Rev. J. D. Patterson's place Sunday at the A. M. E. church. The entertainment at the Baptist church last Saturday night was a success. [Please write on one side of paper—Ed.]

Barbers Union.

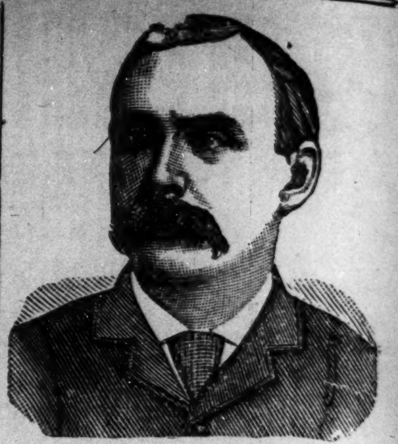
Marion, Ind., Special.

Rev. T. C. Wilson returned from Logansport, where he was assisting in quarterly meeting. He reports a very enjoyable time. He will occupy his pulpit Sunday. Mrs. S. E. Julus returned after making a very pleasant visit to friends at Cassopolis, Mich. Arthur Morton and Miss Elmina Burden were married February 21st. We wish them joy through life. Barber's local union 122 met with a large attendance. J. T. Forchue says that the colored barbers are looked up too in this union. F. Moss and Lindsey of Peru, Ind., were in the city on the evening on the 24th to attend the G. U. O. of O. F.

Clarksville Notes.

Clarksville, Ark., Special.

Our society is moving on. The public school is suppose to close for this session. It may be that the directors will give us another month. On the last day the parents of some of the children gave to Profs. W. D. Perry, principal, and R. L. Newton assistant a dinner at the school house. Some of the parents visited the school on the last day. Rev. B. J. Finny delivered the closing address.



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with all their undertakings, while those who neglect his advice are still laboring against poverty. Through his perfect knowledge of chemistry he can impart to you a secret that will overcome your enemies and win you friends. His aid and advice has often been solicted; the result has always been the securing of speedy and happy marriages and all your wishes. In love affairs he never fails. He has the secret of winning the affections of the opposite sex.

It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting ing in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. William Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Fred Lampe, grocer, 641 Fulton street, Brooklyn. All have known him for the past seven years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis, and Louisville; understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had a large patronage from them.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others; they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.
Sincerely, Albert Ayers,
2937 Atlantic Ave.

Brooklyn, Aug. 15, 1891.—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy all of it came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost $250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I did find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst that can help people and tell them what to do. Sincerely, Mrs. Barrett,
121-23rd Street.

A SENSATION IN BROOKLYN—A MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

I wish to state that one of my parishoners was sick and in trouble for a long time, Mrs. Brown, 37 Gay street. No one seemed to under stand her case. She had several doctors, but none of them seemed to know what was the matter. None could do her any good. It was my duty as her pastor to call and see her. Hearing of the wonderful work being done by Dr. Shea the last few years, I thought I would call and see him myself. I found him a sympathetic gentleman. He gave me a wonderful test of his powers; told me to send him a lock of patient's hair, which I did by her daughter. He told at one what was the matter and in a short time cured her sound and well. Her family had seemingly been under a cloud. Now all is changed. All are well and prosperous. I can truely and and heartily reccommend Dr. Shea, to all those in sickness or distress of any kind, Rev. William Johnson, pastor Lebanon church, Brooklyn.

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CITY HAPPENINGS—PERSONAL.

—We solicit your job work.

Miss Lizzie Rochester is not improved.

Lovestus Kincaid has returned to the city.

—Bring your job work to The Freeman.

Mrs. Remus Moore is quite ill at this writing.

Jos. King of Lebsnon was in the city Tuesday.

A Turnham of South Linden street, is still on the sick list.

Mrs. George Keeble of Senate avenue North, is seriously ill.

—Best work and lowest prices in job work at The Freeman.

Wm. Russell, of Paris, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Rosa Gray.

Rev. E. Stewart, of Muncie was in the city this week on business.

Henry Anderson has returned to the city after an absence of two years.

Grant H. Clay, Dentist. 95 N. Del. Teeth filled and extracted without pain.

Mrs. Sarah Pettiford of Franklin is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. James Shelton.

Wait for it! watch for it! "Washington Night," Jones' Tabernacle March 6th! An evening with the muses.

Chas. Allen returned Saturday from Lexington, Ky., where he attended the funeral of Isaac Murphy.

Mrs. Sheffey and little daughter have returned from Wabash.

Four teasing love letters, 10c; read two ways. Stamps taken. Card Co., P. O. box 52, Baltimore, Md.

The young people of Coburn street Baptist church will organize a literary society next Tuesday evening.

H. M. Gibson, of Chicago, an artist of ability, is employed by the Indianapolis Portrait Co., When Block.

No one doubts that "Washington Night" at Jones Tabernacle Friday night, March 6th will be a grand affair. The town will be there.

Dr. S. A. Elbert aud Hon Geo. L Knox addressed the McKinley meeting at the court house last Tuesday evening.

WHAT YOU WILL MISS—A rare treat if you do not attend the cantata, "Laila," at Jones' Tabernacle church, Monday evening, March 9th.

Miss Mattie Clark, sister of W. D. Branham, the laundryman, died at her home, 147 West Fifth street The funeral was held at her former home, Franklin, Ind.

The Third Ward Republicans met last Monday night at Antioch Baptist church and organized the A. A. Young Club, with A T. Fry as president, and Wm. Lucas, secretary. Resolutions were adopted indorsing Rev. J. M. Morton for the legislature

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Indianapolis has an old time museum at last, with the addition of the latest sensation. The transplanting of the Stone Galatea to the living human being is a beautiful act—will merit the price of admission.

Who does not enjoy old Punch and Judy? The Ghost Show will stir the stagnant blood of the on looker, and the many old and deceptive nic-nacks will please the curious.

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There are places to go to and places to keep away from. It is generally safe to go where you are wanted and at Heims, the druggist, on the corner of Illinois and Market streets says he wants your trade, we advise you to call on him.

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There is a good motto going the rounds; it is not new, but it is solid—"Do unto others as you would be done by." Charles Grab, the Barber's Supply man, at 64 South Illinois street, follows the plan mentioned above and he believes that the "other fellow" should keep up his end of the load too. We will try to help him do it, and we respectfully request that the other shavers join us. Patronize Charley and you will not regret it.

There is now on our desk one of the best examples of high class photographic work that we have ever looked upon, and we are proud to say that it was done by our old acquaintance, Mr. J. P. Keeter, 230 W. Washington street. A few years ago we believed that such specimens of art could only be gotten at Saroney's in New York or by paying fabulous prices.

A low price entertainment will please the masses and will enable one to while away an hour when seeking recreation. Go laugh and enjoy yourselves and if you don't, get more fun for the money than you ever did before, then don't go again, but you will. The location is convenient and so near the Park Theatre, that few of the matinee fiends will pass it by. There are shows and shows, but the show that makes one laugh does a good thing. The one that makes the tears come may do good but give the laugh the preference.

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PERSONALS.

Elwood Knox, manager of The Freeman is in Cincinnati to-day on business.

Paul Lawrence Dunbar, the poet, of Dayton, O., is in the city. He is introducing his new book entitled "Majors and Minors."

Elder Washington, former pastor of Blackford street church, but now pastor of the Metropolitan A. M. E. Z. church of St. Louis, Mo., was in the city last Saturday. He is holding one of the largest revivals ever held in that city, having 125 conversions in the last five weeks.

Bethel Notes.

The revival is progressing nicely. Rev. J. L. Gusby of New Albany, preached at Bethel Sunday night. Rev. T. W. Henderson has been appointed one of a committee by the National Federation of the colored men to wait upon the Republican National convention at St. Louis in June, and urgue the Republicans to insert a plank denouncing lynching.

At Corinthian.

At Corinthian last Sunday another large and appreciative congregation listened to two well prepared sermons by Rev. Harris. The "Illustrated Sermons" are proving to be quite a feature, and each Sunday night are well attended.

Seven candidates for baptism will be immersed immediately after morning services.

The Lord's Supper will be administered at 3 o'clock p. m. to-morrow.

The "King's Daughters and Son's Circle" was well attended Tuesday night. Much interest is manifested.

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"SWAMP ANGEL" ON THE WING.

Could the lamented Sage of Anacostia—Frederick Douglass—been present at the City Hall last Friday night, what an absurd spectacle would have met his gaze! He would have bowed his hoary head with shame to have seen the young and brainy (?) men of the race, in a refined and cultured community indulging in such flippant pastime as a cake walk. Years ago such antics were tolerated by the Negro with never a thought of retarding his progress. But to-day, when the halls of learning are thrown open to him, could anything more detestable and degrading be conceived? We are bitterly opposed to cake walks, church contribution marches or anything that does not have a tendency to elevate.

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"Resolved, That the Colored Press does not properly represent the interest of the Negro," was discussed pro and con at a recent literary, the decision being decided in favor of the negative. That little august body that rendered the verdict, may have done so impartially, yet we must say blindly. In spite of criticisms, it is an inevitable fact that the newspaper is your friend, aids in ameliorating your condition, and builds up the community in which you live. Now the question arises, do you properly contribute to the support of the Negro newspaper? "Aye, there's the rub!"

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The death of Mary Morton, which occurred in a White river hovel, calls to our mind the fact that our people are, as a race, far behind other races in looking after the unfortunate ones. We like too well see our names, draw up and present resolutions, to give vent to the "fulness of heart," but when it comes to act—to get out in the slums among the poor and lowly, we are found wanting. Every day there is untold suffering among our people that should be alleviated by the more forunate members of the race.

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With the departing cake walk, should go the boisterousness in public places that so many of our young people seem heir to.

What is to be.

A Cantata of "Laila" will be rendered by 100 children under the management of Ednorah Nahar at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Z. church Monday evening, March 9th. It promises to be one of the grandest musical feasts of the season.

Christian Church Notes.

The protracted meeting at the Christian church grow in interest. Three additions up to date. Snbject Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, "Christ Willing to Save." All invited—seats free. Elder Campbell, the pastor, is presenting apostolic christianity with telling effect.

At the Presbyterian.

Sacramental services will be held at the Ninth Presbyterian church, Sunday, March the 8th at 3 p. m. The Rev. Dr. Henderson, pastor of Bethel, will preach. The Rev. Dr. Murray, pastor of Allen Chapel, and the Rev. Dr. Rondthaler, pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian church, will assist in the services. Pastors and their congregations invited.

A Tribute of Respect.

A. Myrtle Harris, the very efficient compositor of The Freeman's composing rooms, was the recipient last week of a valuable set of books known as "Alden's Cyclopædia of English Literature," consisting of twenty volumes. George G. Simmons, foreman, and Chas. W. Goyns, assistant foreman of The Freeman's composing rooms are responsible for the splendid acquisition to her library.

A. M. E. Z. Church Notes.

The quarterly meeting at Jones' Tabernacle A. M. E. Zion church Feb. 23rd was a success. Rev. A. L. Murray of Allen Chapel preached an able sermon. The people love to hear him; 470 people communed. Collection good. On Monday night at love feast the people could not be seated. Many were turned away. Rev. Y. Carr, P. E., preached for us Sunday night. We are always glad to see our friends. Come again.

TO ASSIST THE ORPHAN ASYLUM

Committees Appointed for the Fair to be in April—Walnut Hill Notes.

Cincinnati, O. Special.

The trustees of the orphan asylum have completed the arrangement for the fair to be given in April for the benefit of furnishing the new home. The following committees are at work: J. V. Davenport, H. Dixon, T. A. Triplett, on construction of booths; J. J. Woodson, H. Dixon, Mr Porter, Mrs. Wm. Dunlap, on hall; Miss Alice Thomas, Mrs R. Harlan, Miss Mattie Whitton, Mrs. O. Bell, Mrs. Jennie Watson, on booths; Capt. F. Stith, Mrs. Celia Wright, Mrs. Bell Lewis, Mrs. Leff Smith, Mrs. Ida Mason, on clubs and societies, Geo. W. Hays, H. M Taylor, Mrs. John White, Mrs. Mary Webb, on churches; O. Early, Mrs. A. J. DeHart, Phil Debney, Mrs. H M. Higgins, Mrs. Stith, S. Grandison, Mrs. E. Nesbett, on entertainments; Prof. DeHart, Mrs. K. I. Eston, and H. D. Prowd, on printing. The Thanksgiving services of the G. U. O. of O. F. will be held Sunday afternoon at Zion Baptist church. The committee in charge of arrangements have prepared an excellent program for the occasion, Rev. Tolbert pastor of Brown's chapel will deliver the sermon.

The entertainment by the Shining Light Tabernacle, at the Pythian hall last Wednesday night, in spite of the severe cold weather, was a success. Much credit is due Mrs. Peterson. Lawrence Chenult, one of Cincinnati's musical stars, now playing with Al. G. Field's company, will be home in a few weeks for rest. Wm. Porter, the undertaker, who has a branch in Lexington, Ky., has opened another branch in Winchester, Ky, and placed his son, Wm. Porter, in charge. The "Queen City" is keeping abreast with her sister cities in representative public employment and business enterprises. Prof. Wm H. Parham is representative in the legislature. In her clerical force of public employment are Messrs. Sam B. Hill Jas. L. Jones, Henry M. Higgins, Geo. W. Hayes, Robt. L. Harlan, T. J. Monroe, John Williams, Ford Stith, Wm. Copeland, Leff Smith, besides 150 subordinates; fifteen letter carriers stumpers and clerks, two railway postal clerks, and a number of persons in the merine and light house service. Our grocers are A. H. Underdown, Robt. Arindell, Wm. L. Ervin, E. E. Minnes, C. E. Grandison, Luke Edenburgh. Undertakers, Wm. M. Porter, Phillip O. Starke and Rev. Chas. Bundy.

WALNUT HILLS NOTES.

Hattie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ford Stith has recovered from her recent illness. Hartwell Parham, the highly respected and well known pioneer of our vicinity, is confined to his bed with a severe illness and up to this time his recovery is doubtful. Mr. Parham has been a great help to our race in this city and the host of friends will be pained to hear of his illness. He is the father of Hon. Wm. H. Parham, the colored legislator from this county. Elder and Mrs. Conrad Goode have the sympathy of their friends through the loss of their darling baby. It was taken sick with the measles. The startling testimoney of Geo. H. Jackson as to his being the driver of the vehicle which carried Pearl Bryan to her auful fate, and the subsequent unearthing of Jackson's record as a genuine prevaricator, has furnished Rev. Joshua Barbee, the man that Jackson claimed robbed him, good prospects of a pardon from the "pen." Rev. Barbee has quite a number of ardent workers and it is hoped that he may soon be free. The funeral of Mrs. Thos. Tyler was held last Sunday afternoon at Brown's chapel, of which she had been a faithful member for a number of years. She leaves a husband and three children and a host of friends. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs Henry Mathews, died last week of the croup. The youngest son of Geo. Jackson, of Mentor Ave., is very sick with the measles. The converts of Bethel Baptist church will receive the rite of baptism, Sunday, March 8th, at the Avondale Baptist church. Rev. I. B. Smith, of Ripley, O., has been called to the pastorate of the Corinthian Baptist church of Avondale. Rev. Smith comes highly recommended. James Bowen, our colored grocer, has moved to his new quarters, where he will be pleased to see his old patrons.

Leap Year Party—Club Notes.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Robert Slack of Walnut street has been quite sick for several weeks. Mrs. Sallie Thomas, Humphrey street, returned last week from a pleasant trip to the country. Sir A. W. Wood, Grand Patron of the O. of the E. S., also Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandry, of the State of Tennessee, passed through the city last week enroute to Hot Springs, Ark. While in the city Sir Wood was the guest of Sir B. F. Gwynn, E. C., of St. Peters Commandry No. 2, K. T's. P. F. Hill, G. M. of the U. B. F. was in the city last week on official business for the order. Rev. Lee Mitchell, P. E., of the Clarksville District, was in the city last week. Rev. D. E. Asberry, pastor of Providence Chapel was called to Paducah, Ky., to bury his brother Jesse Asberry, who died on the 17th. Rev. Asberry was well known in this city. Many are the friends who join his brother and family to mourn his loss. Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Rogers, 61 Humphrey street had a fine boy born to them on the 17th inst. Mrs. C. W Brown of Woodstock has been seriously sick for several weeks at the home of brother, M. H. Barker, Province avenue. The Freeman is delivered to all parts of the city every week for 20c a month. Rev. T. W. Lott, pastor of the First Baptist church, Nashville, formerly of Memphis, paid a short visit to relatives and friends last week. He was entertained by his friends and pupils Friday evening, Feb 21st at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin, 21 Gosley street. The evening was spent very pleasantly. A short program was rendered: Piano solo, Miss M. West; welcome address, Miss S. E. Martin; vocal solo, Miss C. E. Hamilton; piano solo, Miss Mary E. Hall; vocal solo, Miss S. E. Martin; response, Rev. T. W. Lott; remarks, Prof. C. A. Thompson, after which refreshments were served. A number of the best citizens were there. News intended for The Freeman can be left at Dr. C. A. Terrell's office, 280 Second street by 12 o'clock Saturday of each week.

The second meeting of the Manhattan club will be at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Burton, 150 Vance, March 6th, music is to be the chief attraction and will be furnished by professionals, in all probabilities this will be a brilliant meeting. the program will be arranged by five members of the club, "card playing," supper, followed by the cotillon will be the pastimes. The active members are A. J. H. Bass, Pres.; G. W. West, Vice-Pres.; J. L Brinkley, Sec.; S. L. Washington, Treas. The Queen Elizabeth Temple No. 25, gave a fancy dress ball and supper at their hall Tuesday night which was well attended. The Price club doors were thrown open on Tuesday night for the first time in 12 months, the occasion being a grand masked ball, all who participated seemed to enjoyed themselves. Several other masked balls were given and well attended. The leap year party which was given at Mr. D. Washington's residence on Lendon st., was by far a grand success and the girls was out in full with the boys. Parties who took coats and wraps through mistake at the leap year party on the 20th at Mr. Dave Washington's will please return same and get their own. Georgia Brown, about 25 years of age, living at Gayoso and Wellington sts. was so badly burned that she died. A. J. Bass is working for the Freeman.

Mrs. C. A. Adams, 6th and Martha Sts., Omaha, Neb., writes, "I had la grippe and then malaria, indigestion, a severe headache and blind and dizzy spells. Your Dr. Kay's Renovator has cured me." Sold by all druggists at 25 cts. and $1. See advt.

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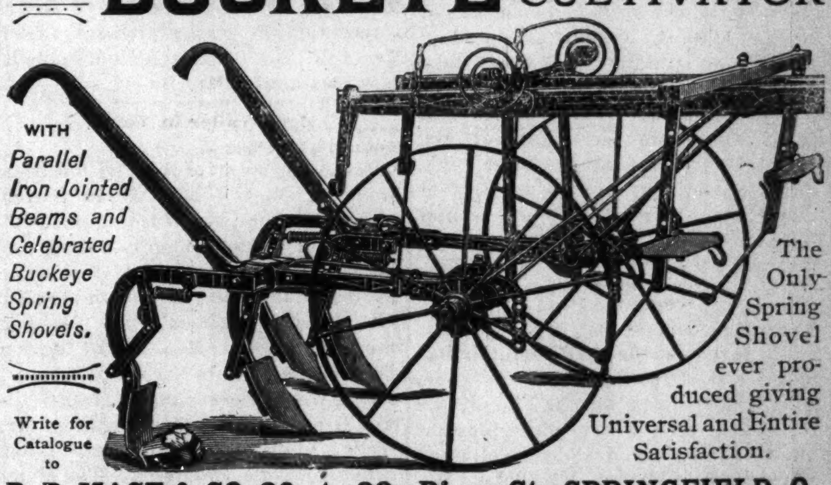

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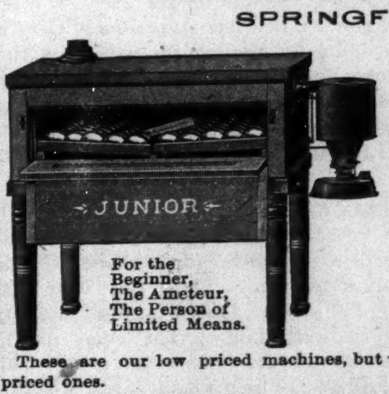

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General News

The Ministerial Alliance.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Rev. Dr. J. N. Abby, pastor of Avery Chapel, delivered a grand lecture to the St. Andrew Literary Society, for the benefit of the West Tennessee College Friday night Feb. 14th, subject, "Great men and great women." Miss Onetta Poole is an excellent literary critic. I. M. Weaver and wife has moved to Harrisburg, Ark., we hope they will succeed in changing from a city life to Arkansas farmers. Mardi Gras was observed as usual. Rev. D. E. Ashbury, D. D., was called to Paducah, Ky., last week on occount of the illness of his brother, Rev. Jessie Asbury. E. C. Yarbrough and Miss Amanda Steen were united in marriage Thursday night Feb. 13th. Rev. T. S. Johnson officiating. Mrs. Ida Farris has returned from Arkansas, where she has been visiting her mother. It is likely that Rev. J. G. F. Allen will become pastor of the Mt. Zion church. The A. M. E. Ministerial Alliance at their weekly meeting held in the St. James A. M. E. church, Tuesday morning Feb. 18th, adopted The Freeman as the paper of their choice, and request their secretary to write their doings to The Freeman once a month. Rev. J. J. Morant, who has been granted a scholarship in the Wilberforce University, by the North Mississippi Conference of the A. M. E. church, is assisting Rev. T. S. Johnson, pastor of the St. Andrew church in a series of revival meetings. Much good is being accomplished. Prof. E. L. Honesty is making a fine record as teacher in Kortrecht high school, he stands among the leading educators of the South. Over all that may be said or done The Freeman is the leading colored paper in the world. Miss Ida B. Johnson has accepted the agency of the great Freeman, and has them on sale at 68 Avery street. Take The Freeman if you want to be a good citizen. Rev. S. L. Jones is doing a great work at friendship and with such an able parliamentarian at the head of affairs success is sure.

Society Movements.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

A literary society was organized Monday night the 18th inst., by the young men which will meet every Thursday night. The topic for Thursday night was, "Shall a minister of the gospel belong to a secret society or not?" Discussed between the Revs. Alfred Oneal and J. M. Mullins, Esq. Mrs. Laura Hughes and daughter Mattie were royally entertained at the residence of Mr and Mrs D. Arnold last Sunday. Mrs. Nannie J. Bullox and Miss Mary J. Marshall of Chapel Hill have returned home. Messrs. Willie Moore and H. T. White were the guests of Mr. Enoch Hodge Sunday the 16th inst. Susie Maupin has a very sick baby at this writing. Mrs. Mollie Thompson of Nashville, Tenn., visiting friends and relatives here.

A Spelling Bee.

Fayetteville, Tenn., Special.

The revival at the C. P. church has closed and "Cussing Tott" is gone. The Allen banquet on the 14th at the A. M. E. church was a most pleasant affair. Miss Mary McDonald delivered the welcome address. Mr. Solon McGaw responded. Sunday the 16th was a gala day with the A. M. E's The following persons read good papers at 3 p. m. Misses Betty Todd, Pearl Hayes, Mrs. H. B. McChristian, and Mrs. J. A. Jones. A very large crowd gatered at the A. M. E. church to witness the sermon of the pastor, Rev. J A. Jones on the "Progress of the A. M. E. church." The teachers of the county met Saturday Feb. 15th to peruse a call of Prof. Jones of Lincoln high school, and organized a county institute. The following officers were elected: Prof. J. A. Jones, president; Prof. Jas. Green, vice president; Miss Mary E. Dobbins, secretary; Prof. S. M. Summerford, assistant secretary; Mrs. H. B. Christian, chorister; Mr. J. B. Bonner, chaplain. Isaac Williams is up again. Miss Anna Washington is still confined to her bed. Mrs. Addie Bright is out again. The Baptist church is still without a pastor. A "Spelling Bee" took place at Lincoln High School on the 20th inst., for the benefit of the school. The revival will begin at the A. M. E. church the first Sunday night in March. Willie Jones will furnish you with the Freeman. Leave orders at Willie Common's store

To Wed—Personal Notes.

Gainesville, Tex. Special.

The public school has an enrollment of 275. Miss Rosa Whitehead is sick. Mrs. J. Hamilton is on the sick list, also Mrs. M L. Fraizer. Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. R. Alexander to Miss Hannau Odem. Dr. G. W. Brown's practice is increasing. Rev. D. A. Amos is doing good work in the C M. E. church. Rev. A. T. Ayers is getting along nicely with the Baptist church. Rev. Rochester will build an A. M. E. church soon. Miss Myrtle Douglas was called home from school at Jefferson City, Mo. on account of the illness of her mother. Henry Keller will deliver the Freeman to any address.

Rumor has it that Mr. Gus Jones, agent for the Col. Mining Co. is to wed one of Ganesville's most charming widows. J. R. Boddie, of Sherman was in the city on political business. L. B. Davidson and H. J. Hendrix are deligates to the district convention instructed for Reed. Mrs. F. K. McPherson is studying German under Miss Kate Campbell. Mr. Ransum Barnes is improving his Buck st. property. Miss M. Monday has left school to hire out. Hon. Pink Wadley was thrown from his carriage last Sunday.

Stephen Kimbrough Dead.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

Stephen Kimbrough, one of Clarksville best citizens, died at his home on Feb. 13th of heart disease. Mr Kimbrough was born in 1831 and came to this city where he afterwards settled. He became an employe of the L. & N. freight depot where he remained until his death, a space of thirty years. He was a competent church member. He leaves a wife and five children. His last sad rites was entered at the (Col.) grave. He was a member of O. F. A. and he is valued at about $1,000. Chas. Davis, (white) was arrested for severly burning a colored employe at the furnace. A contest arose between the eighth and ninth grades in speaking in which the ninth grade took down the laurels. A stampede was created at St. John's church on Feb. 15th while a funeral was in progress.

Menifee News.

Menifee, Ark., Special.

Minefee is inhabited by colored people. They own most all of the business houses in this place, there are a great many wealthy families here, Geo. H. Moore is Post Master and also a teacher. He and Mr. Taylor have been carrying on business here for years. Dr. G. W. McNiece is a fine doctor. He never gives a patient up as long as there is breath; he has a lucrative practice. He is the first colored man that obtained a license to practice medicine in Conway county. Mrs. Dr. McNiece knows how to make things pleasant for every one, she is intelligent and refined. They have two bright eyed children. The Doctor subscribed for The Freeman. Mrs. E. W. Roberts is the teacher at this place, she is liked by all her patrons, she is giving satisfaction. Mr. Moore and Taylor tendered J. O. Baily a reception, it was a pleasant affair. Mr. and Mrs. Charley Calom made it very pleasant for Mr. Bailey.

Mrs. Waller in Town.

Baltimore, Md., Special.

Rev. John Brisco of this city has been promoted Bishop of Veteran church organized recently in Washington, D. C. The North Western Family Supply Co. has proved a success. Matt Wells, the colored Reubinstein, is in town meeting with success at various circles. He has our best wishes. Miss Mabel Brown gave a reception to her many friends, among whom were John W. Lee, William Gray, Thomas H. Watkins, Mr. Wells, Misses Lock, Wells, Lucia Braxton, Addie Thompson. The alumni of the C. H. S. gave an entertainment on the 28th. St. Mary's Lyceum will meet every Wednesday night instead of Tuesday. Mrs. Aggie Coleman has purchased a fine piano. The wife of ex-Consul Waller is the guest of Mrs. Cummings. City Councilman Cargill is doing his best for the passage of the school bill. The Booker T. Washington Business Men's Association is meeting with success. Dr. Browning, president, H. Rufus White, attorney-at-law counsel

St. Valentine's Entertainment.

Atoka, I. T., Special.

Messrs. Cox and Moore, the tonsorial artists, are still doing business at the old stand. L. F. Guess, the cattle buyer and hustler, passed through the city enroute to Lehigh. The event of the season was the celebration of St. Valentine's day by his name sake, V. Burris. The elite of Atoka being out. Each vied with the other in the enjoyment of the evening festivities of song, verse, and rehearsal. And last, but not least, in partaking of the danties of the well ladened table, which contained the choicest dainties of the season. The jolly crowd dispersed at the eleventh hour with kind remembrance of their benevolent host and hostess. Call at H. Augustus Guess' sanctum and get The Freeman.

To Colored Doctors of Texas.

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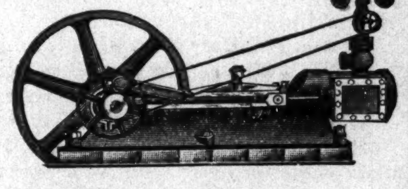

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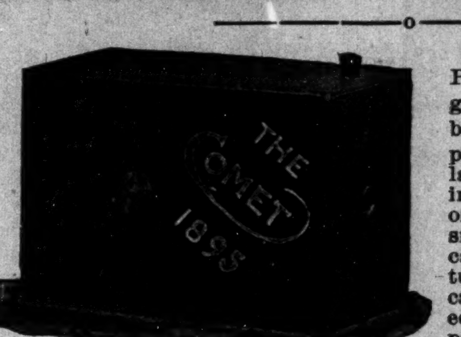

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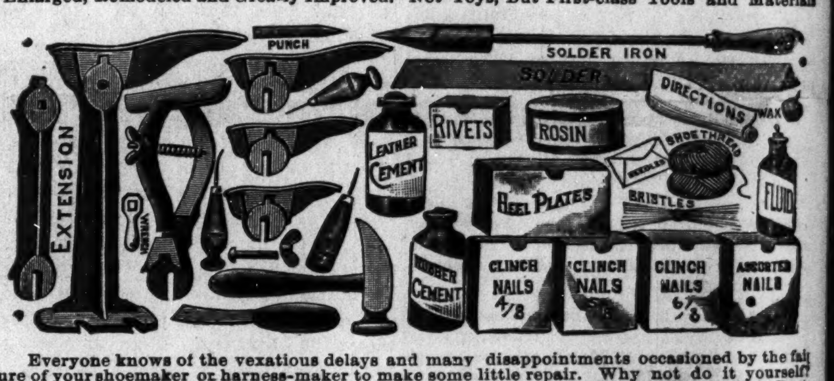

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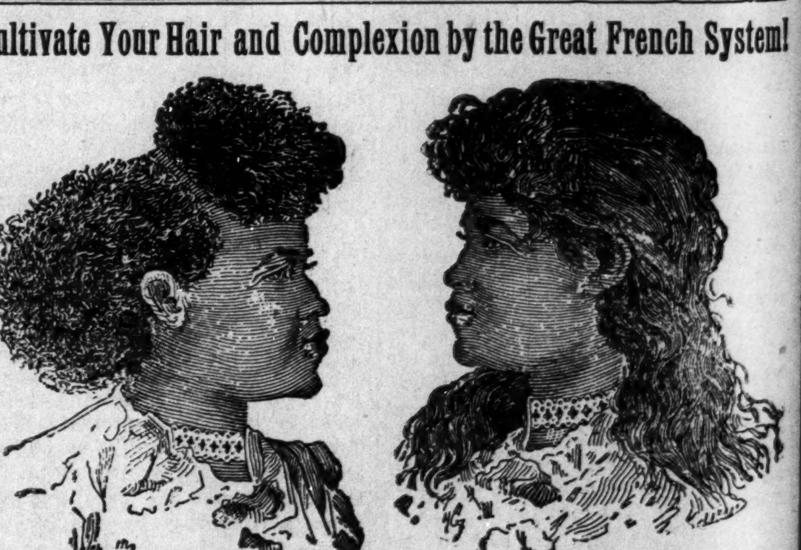

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Trilby Heart Party.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

Mrs. C. L. Turner, of Wilkin Station, has been sick with rheumatism. Mrs. Polly Hall was buried from Collins Chapel A. M. E. church on the 6th by the S. B. S. The society loses one of its most valued members. Mrs. Bettie Davis has been quite sick this week. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds, of Lindon street, have a very sick child. Mrs. Sallie Thomas has gone to Campbellville, Tenn., for her health. Rev. B. J. Jackson, pastor of Beale Street Baptist church, has been quite sick. Anderson Hayes and James Tillman went to Little Rock to work in the Crescent Oil mills A Trilby Hart party, one of the most elegant socials of the season, was given at the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. Moody, on Waldron avenue, on the evening of the 14th, in honor of Miss Cornelia Hillman and Miss Josie Edwards. The house was handsomely decorated with flowers and hearts of every description. Supper was served in courses. There were various kinds of amusements indulged in until a late hour. The Freeman can be had by leaving orders at Dr. O. A. Sewell's office, 280 Second street, or with A. Webb, 531 Walnut. It will be delivered to all parts of the city. All news must be in by Saturday night.

Event of the Season.

Hemstead, Tex., Special.

The Indianapolis Freeman is a welcome weekly visitor here, many white people are loud in their praise of it. They say it contains more reading matter than a lot of big dailies. The colored people here have jury commissioners and grand jurymen and a fair representation upon all juries, city, Magistrate county or district courts. A. F. Freeman is public weigher and R. L. Kiljatrick is alderman. Many of the colored people own their own homes, and are thrifty and energetic. The U. B. F. and S. M. T's. banquetted their friends at their new hall on the evening of the 12th. Among the prominent persons present were: Ex-District Clerk, D. A. Starks, Ex-commissioner I. S. Fields, Ex-senator J. E. Freeman, Ex-legislatureman G. W. Wyatt, Public Weigher A. F. Freeman, Alderman R. L. Kiljatrick. The hall was beautifully decorated with rare flowers by the lady members of the Temple. At 10:25 they played "My Country 'Tis of Thee," supper was announced, and the grand march was led by F. P. Freeman and Mrs. M. Lyles joined with seventy-five other couples. The tables were loaded with good things. Prof. M. B. Lilly acted as toast master. We are anxiously waiting for another such affair. The U. B. F. and S. M. T's. own their hall and five lots valued at $3,000 and is a progressive lodge and Temple.

Quarterly Meeting Day.

Logansport, Ind., Special.

Quarterly meeting was held at the A. M. E. church. Rev. Lewis Pettiford pastor. Rev. T. E. Wilson of Marion preached at 10:30. Afternoon service was opened with a song by the choir; prayer by Bro. Fisher; sermon by Rev. T. E. Wilson of Marion. Fifty-one persons took sacrament. Visiting elders present were Rev. Joseph Fisher of the Evangelical church, Rev. Snider of the Evangelical church, and Rev. Wans of the Market street M. E. church. Rev. Pettiford spent the rest of the afternoon administering sacrament to sick. Evening services at 7:30 were conducted by Rev. T. E Wilson of Marion. Three persons joined the church. Spiritual condition of the church good. The report showed good work done during the quarter since Nov. 13, 1895. Paid pastors: Rev. R. McDaniel $133.35; Rev. Lewis Pettiford, $71.14; presiding elder, $7.25; charity, $48.00. Total $259.74.

A Pleasant Entertainment.

Kokomo, Ind., Special.

Mr. Bass of Muncie, spent a few days in the city with his sister. The Lotus Club reception, a most pleasant social event, was given Feb. 14th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Braboy. It was a reception given by the Lotus club, a literary organization composed of the young people of the city. The Braboy home was beautifully decorated in colors, the front parlor being in yellow, the back one in red, and the dining room in green. Beautiful house plants furnished the decorations for the latter. The gents were received by the reception committee, and were assisted by two little girls. After the guest had all arrived, about sixty-five in number, the club gave a short and interesting literary program. After the literary and literary program, games were enjoyed until 10 o'clock, when dancing was begun and refreshments were served. Those from abroad were Messrs. Moss and Harris and Miss June Dunlop, of Peru; Litt Harvey and John Duggard of Indianapolis; Miss Minnie Lawrence, of Marion.

Church and Personal Mention.

Wren, Ohio, Special.

Your valuable paper, the Freeman, has become a welcome visitor to our home. The series of meetings is still in progress at the A. M. E. church with four accessions to the church, under the pastorate of Rev. C. P. Hurrington. Mr. Jackson was called home from Illinois on the account of the illness and death of his wife, Mrs. Abbie Jackson. He did not arrive until after the funeral. Rev. C. D. Young of the A. M. E. church, preached the communion sermon at the Second Zion Baptist church Sunday the 9th. Rev. Lloyd Phillips of Rose Ellem, Ohio, was called to officiate at the funeral services of Mrs. Abbie Jackson on the 10th. Miss E. L. Bradley, the teacher of the school, will close her winter term next month. Miss Libbie D. Brown is the guest of Mrs. R. S. Young of Willshire, this week. Rev. E. Underwood of Glenmore, O., is engaged in a series of meetings at the Baptist church at Paulding Center. He has been having great success.

A Disasterous Fire.

Russellville, Ky., Special.

Mrs. Kate Temple is still on the sick list. Robert Lumbsy is sick. Editor P. Boyd of Hopkinsville Indicator, was here Friday. He visited our school and gave us a lecture which was both interesting and beneficial. Rev. B. J. Garrett preached at the first colored Baptist church Friday night, and his text was "And there were horns coming out of his hand and they were the hiding of his power." The ladies leap year basket entertainment Saturday night at Bank St. church, was a grand success. The pastor and young people organized a Christian Endeavor of Bank St. church, quite a number were present. Prof. G. H. Baird's house was burned Friday night Feb. 14th. Prof. Baird is principal of the female school. He lost $150 worth of Books. He has our sympathy. Rev. H. H. Carter, pastor of the A. M. E. Zion church gave an instructive talk to the pupils each of whom were very attentive. The talk was instructive. On Miss Addie Smiths birthday Feb. 16th, she received many nice presents from her school mates. The nicest ones were from Miss Rosetta Haden and Mary Price.

Wedding Bells.

Texarkana, Tex., Special.

Dr. Yellowstone Kit's open air show, pads and herds, are doing a good business on our streets. Mr. Alexander, guard master of the Mosic's of Helena, Ark., is in the city on legal business. Some colored men who were selling whisky from a blind tinger saloon, were caught and two of them now languish behind the bars in Little Rock. Geo. Miller and Miss Mary Jones were united in marriage on the 14th inst at the parsonage of the M. E. church. Rev W. H. Jackson officiated. Mrs. Jennie Reeseman is sick. Rev. J. J. Jones of Polly Chapel Baptist church, is running a successful revival meeting. St. Peters Lodge, U. B. F. is getting good men into it. Rumor has it that more wedding bells will ring soon. The Freeman is a good paper, send it on.

Personals Galore.

Coldwell, Tenn., Special.

H. T. White and Cal Stoke and two lady friends were entertained at Mr. and Mrs. Ike Stokes on the 10th. Mrs. Sarah Mapens' daughter is better at this writing. Berry Nelson is a lover of The Freeman. Mrs. A. C. Phillips took a trip to Shelbyville to visit her daughter on the 11th. Miss Martha Cannon and Mrs. Sallie Mullins were guests of Ike Stokes. L. Blackman's brother-in-law is dead. He lived in Shelbyville, Miss. Clemis Ray was the guest of Mrs. A. C. Phillips on the 13th. Mrs. Julia Roberts is better. Mrs. Andrew Maupins is very low. Mrs. Mott Daniel is a lover of The Freeman.

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School News—Personal.

Corsicana, Tex., Special.

The Freeman is very widely read and appreciated here. This is a thriving little town, and can boast of some very industrious and prosperous Afro-Americans. Prof. G. W. Jackson of this city, is yet leading the young colored boys and girls to an educational progress. He will turn out a large number of groduates at the close of the term. Even the country schools are crowded with pupils.

Church Work.

Maryville, Mo., Special.

Rev. A. L. Lowell has had a great suscess in his revival meeting. He had twenty-six joiners and has been doing great work.

Latest News.

Hubbard City, Tex., Special.

George Hill was killed on the race track. Mr. T. A. Thomas moved to Evans, Texas.

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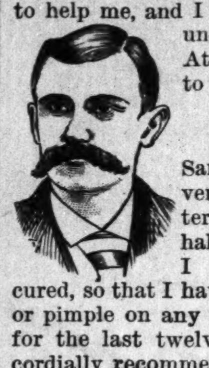

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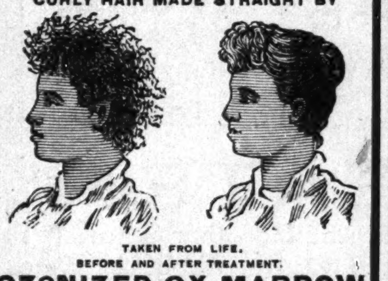

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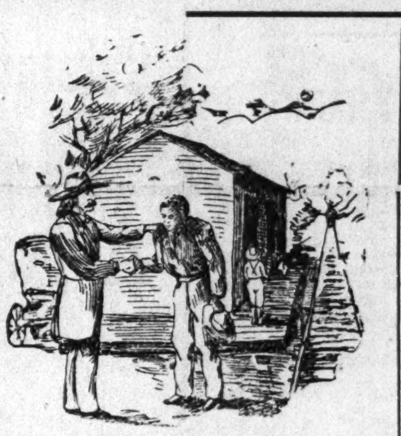

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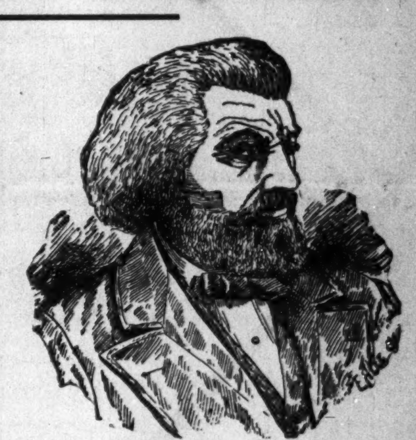

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